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SUBJECT

Application from Miss Maud Fennel, for the post of Lady Superintendent of the Maharani girls' School, Mysore

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Condemned

July 30th
1900

My dear Mr Harriman

I send enclosed a letter received from Miss Tennell this morning I am afraid her qualifications are not so high as Miss Lowe's & I certainly should not like her the lady

address No 1 Flat
14 Powis Square
London
W
July 11th 1900

To
V Madhava Rao Esqre
K C S I

Dear Sir

Mrs Weir has been
kind enough to write to me
telling me of the vacancy next
September of the post of Lady
Superintendent of H H the
Maharani's Girls School
Mysore She tells me among
other details, that the salary
is R 400 a month, rising to
R 500 a in the event of the
school being made a second

grade college that it would rise to Rs 700 In addition, a first class passage would be granted & a free house or house rent to the amount of Rs 70 a month & she thinks a pension is granted after ten years service

I now write to apply for the post- Enclosed are testimonials from tutors with whom I studied at Oxford & also one from Miss Burns Head Mistress of the Clifton High School for Girls under whom I have held a post as assistant Mistress for a year

I was educated at the Wimbledon High School for girls for six years, then I was for two years at Somerville College, Oxford, then intervened a year in India, & then a third year at Oxford, where I completed the B A degree course

The Examinations I have passed are as follows:

Oxford & Cambridge Joint Board Higher Certificate in English French, German Latin, Elementary Mathematics & Music

At Oxford, the B A course, including Classical Honour Moderations (Class III) & Pass Finals in French, Ancient History & Classics

In music besides the theory, I passed the Junior Senior Grad of the Associated Board of the Royal College & Royal Academy of Music (Pianoforte)
I shall be twenty four years old next November
Should my application be accepted, I should be much obliged if I could receive a telegram addressed

Fennell
14 Powis Square
London W

write the word appointed so as to have more time for making preparations, & also that I might send in my resignation to Miss Burns as soon as possible
If I do not hear by telegram, I shall conclude I am not appointed

During my short stay in
Mysore I went over the
Girls School, so that I feel
I know a little what it is
like

If further references are
required I know I may give
Miss Maitland
Principal of Somerville College
Oxford
or Miss Hastings
Head Mistress of the
Cheltenham High School for
Girls
I am Yrs
Yours faithfully
Maud M D Fennell

[*Copy of Testimonial*]

I have found Miss MAUD FENNELL a thoroughly careful and conscientious student and a very pleasant pupil During her work for Honour Moderations she made considerable progress, showed an intelligent interest in her subject some literary gift, and a most commendable punctuality and studiousness

Unfortunately she was obliged to spend a year abroad shortly before her schools, during which time though she did not neglect her reading she obtained no teaching and this was certainly a disadvantage to her in the examination I think she ought to prove a good teacher as she has a clear head and works for herself

(*Signed*) ANNIE M A H ROGERS
Tutor in Classics to the Association for the Education of Women in Oxford

May 4th 1899

[*Copy of Testimonial*]

Miss M M D Fennell attended my classes and lectures in Æschylus, Sophocles Homer and Plato

Miss Fennell was a careful student who showed interest and appreciation, and made progress Several of the papers she did for me were up to the level of Second Class Honours

Judging from the work she did for me (which was entirely in Greek) I have no doubt she would be quite competent to take High School work in Classics and prepare students privately who were aiming at University studies

(*Signed*) A SIDGWICK,
Fellow and Tutor of C C C, Oxford
May th, 1899

[*Copy of Testimonial*]

Miss FENNELL has done Greek Prose with me for more than two years, while reading for Classical Moderations, and during this period she has made very great progress

She is now able to write Greek Prose Composition correctly, and in good style and has evidently acquired a sound and accurate knowledge of the language She would be quite capable of teaching Greek to a fairly advanced class of pupils

I have no doubt also that she would prove an excellent mistress in other respects, and that she would have a good influence in a school Her character, and manners, and power of application are such as would ensure her success as a teacher I have therefore great pleasure in recommending her for a post of this kind

(*Signed*) A E HAIGH

Oxford April 1899

Hotel Lennox
August 5th 1902

Dear Mr Macnaughtan

Mr Fraser was kind enough to call on Friday when he discussed all the papers relating to the applications of Mr Law and Miss Fennell with me. He returned all the papers with the exception of one which he has stated his opinion

in favour of Miss Fennell the
school is or will be soon called
a College The pay however, as
we have a Headmaster &
help the Lady Superintendent
need not be raised to 700 l.
as Mr Dew seems to have
led Miss Fennel to believe it
will be The many expressions
about the pension also should
be removed

I return Mr Mathews
Rev letter dated July 30th with

Thanks. The two applications
are also enclosed herewith.
Miss Gow's application was
registered in my office. Miss
Arnold has not been registered.
The papers may I think be
now circulated among the
members of the Committee with
Mr Francis' letter.

I am glad to hear you are
better.

Yours sincerely
H J Blackham

The applications may be returned to
my office after the election has been made

Bangalore
Aug 3rd 1870

Dear Mr Bhabha

I return here
with his Friend
& his own applications
& certificates, with the
accompanying letter
from Mr Madhava Rao
& Ramaswamy Iyengar
I think it time has
come for the Committee
to consider the claims
of the two candidates
shortly I shall vote
for his Friend for

the following reasons
that candidates above
her [illegible] possess educational
qualifications of an exceptional
character, and she would
therefore be fit for the
post of Lady Superintendent
of the Maharanee's Girls'
School. So far as
technical qualifications
are concerned her Essay
from her training &
experience is no doubt
an educationist of

ious vigilance attachment
but looking to the re-
quirements of the opposite
sex in question ✓
consider that he should
always be grateful
to the doctrine, and
any advantage he may
maybe possess in respect
of degree, age &c would
be more than counterbalanced
by the unfortunate
fact that the social
position of her relations

a Bungalow would un-
fortunately detract from
her own position they
when she is such the
objection would not
arise but in Lyons etc
unmarried ladies of
her status among her
own people would be
affected by the circumstance
allowed to I write
them plainly as this
letter will not go beyond
the members of the
Committee
I think her Friends

of the Committee chance
fell upon her should
be unfortunate that the
[illegible] prospects of pension
are not quite while
the emoluments of modern
stipend [illegible] the salary
is [illegible] to
Reason, and having
graduated for the B. A
degree she should not
be offered less than
Rs 400 to commence with
Further [illegible] the
Committee might be

7th Aug 1900 Gokhale Road
Bangalore

With my experience
of the Institution, from
its very foundation
I may be allowed to
remark that for the
proper working of the
School especially after
we have made the passing
of the University Examinations
the test of its efficiency

The Superintendent
in general Charge
should therefore be
a lady of Culture and
station in Society, qua-
lified to fill the Post
a good moral and
intellectual training
and to impart to them
the Graces and refinement
associated with high
breeding The Lady

Should be able to move
in good English society
and secure for the School
the sympathy and interest
of all workers in the
Cause of female educa-
tion both in India
and in England

A Starrock Jr

Maharaja's College
Mysore
August 18th

Dear Mr. Ramanna Iyengar

I return herewith the papers about the Girls School with the opinions of the local members

Wimbledon Girls School and Clifton High School for Girls are two of the very best High Schools for Girls in England and I think it is important to get a lady Superintendent who comes fresh from such schools

Yours very truly
J Wern

As regards the two formal applications I agree with Mr. Fraser that Miss Fennell's would be the more suitable appointment and I doubt whether any more suitable candidate would be obtained by advertising in England If any lady is appointed direct from England she must learn the peculiarities of native life after her arrival and for this it is rather an advantage than otherwise to appoint one who is young

But the terms of the appointment should be clearly formulated by the Committee and communicated to her if the post is to be offered to her If this is done within the next fortnight by letter she could be here by the end of October

As regards the question of pay I agree with Mr. Fraser that it should not be less than Rs 400 - Rs 500 and I do not see why there should not be any pension attached to the post

Owen

I agree to this. E Thurston

Copy of testimonial

High School for Girls
Clifton
Bristol
July 11th 1900

Miss M Fennell has been
a mistress here for the past
year & has had experience
in teaching girls of all ages
Her principal subjects have
been latin Sleek and
French but she has also given
lessons in various English
subjects She has had the
opportunity of studying

Memorandum

Regarding the application of Miss Fox and Miss Fennell for the post of Lady Superintendent, Chakrauta's Girls School, I beg leave to make the following observations

2 The objections to Miss Fox stated by the Fraser appointment to be unobjectionable, and the only difference that made her application

3 As regards Miss Fennell I am satisfied that our requirements will be met by her appointment She is intelligent conscientiously qualified but she want a lady of mature age, tact culture and a fair knowledge of Indian human nature. Miss Fennell is a young lady of only 24 summers, quite innocent of acquaintance with Indian life and cannot be expected to have much

dignitary with the girls visiting us under the charge she is evidently ignorant of any of the occurrences

I am therefore of opinion that we ought to buy and obtain for the Institution a lady of mature age, who is acquainted with India and the ways and manners of Indians

The school a large institution containing at present more than 160 girls of different ages and many of them learning into womanhood more master, however important cannot be expected to go into the details of female life and a lady superintendent would be one qualification the efficiency of the Institution however may be the ultimate decision of the Committee regarding the application mentioned above,

it will take some months before the new Sujet can join the Junction of the Gt Pr of India will further have to be obtained. and all this will take time

before it will be impossible to permanently replace Miss Rickards before February or March next

the School will be required in the meantime of a lady Governess? If there is no lady to take care of it between Miss Rickards departure and the arrival of the new Sujet, I very much fear the School will be broken up shortly - many parents who sent their daughters under the impression now to be educated in the School, will in the absence of a lady to take care of them withdraw them and I may be permitted to say that I include myself in the number.

I fear Rickards has been telling me

that it is intended to appoint Lieut Hood,
who is now serving with him, to be his
Assistant Surveyor till a permanent Survey
Supt is appointed. I see no reason why
this necessary and I should suggest
that no time should be lost in
passing the requisite orders in the
matter

Mysore 10 Aug 1900

I am Sir